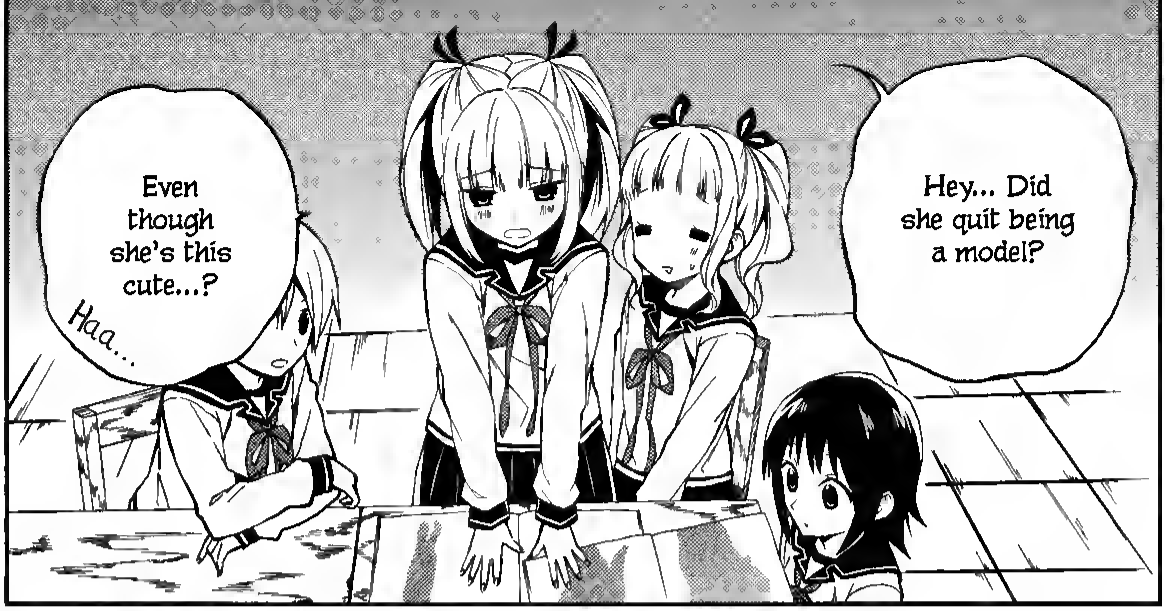
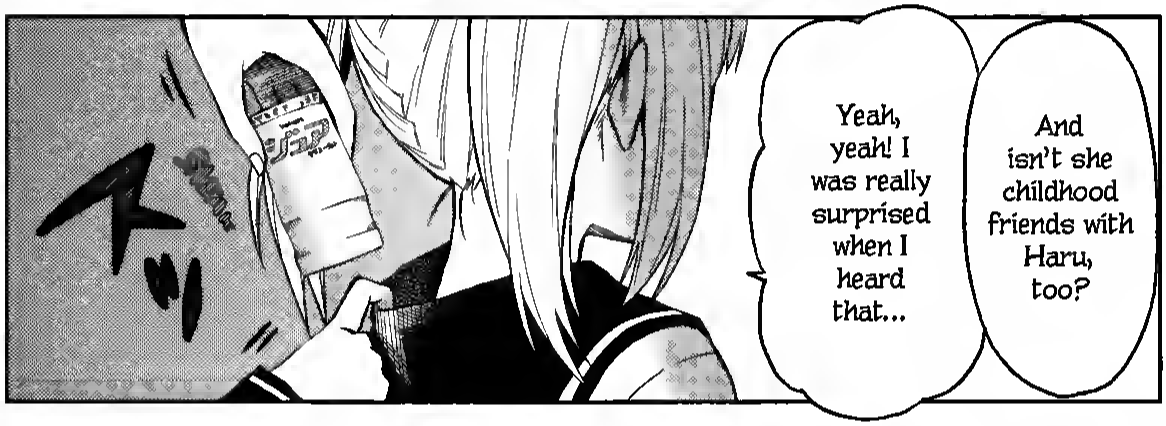
CHAPTER 4: CLUB ACTIVITIES AND FLOWER VIEWING

This is last May's issue of Vivid!
And this is the swimsuit edition!
And her first solo issue!
Ehh?
Kurosaki-san used to be a model?!
YOU GUYS NEVER KNEW THIS?!
rattle
Vivid is a celebrity magazine! I don't read it!
kya!
Just who is she, appearing in such a magazine even though she's a high schooler?!
kya!
kya!
Why is she in a rural place like this now?
kya!
kya!


Hey... Did she quit being a model?
Even though she's this cute...?
Haa...


And isn't she childhood friends with Haru, too?
Yeah, yeah! I was really surprised when I heard that...

Toa~
slip
Shudder
HYA AUAA ?!!

little...
Hahaha! Akane-chan, you sounded so weird!
HYAA!!
UWAA!
Uu...
You pesky,
freeze
AH...
Um...

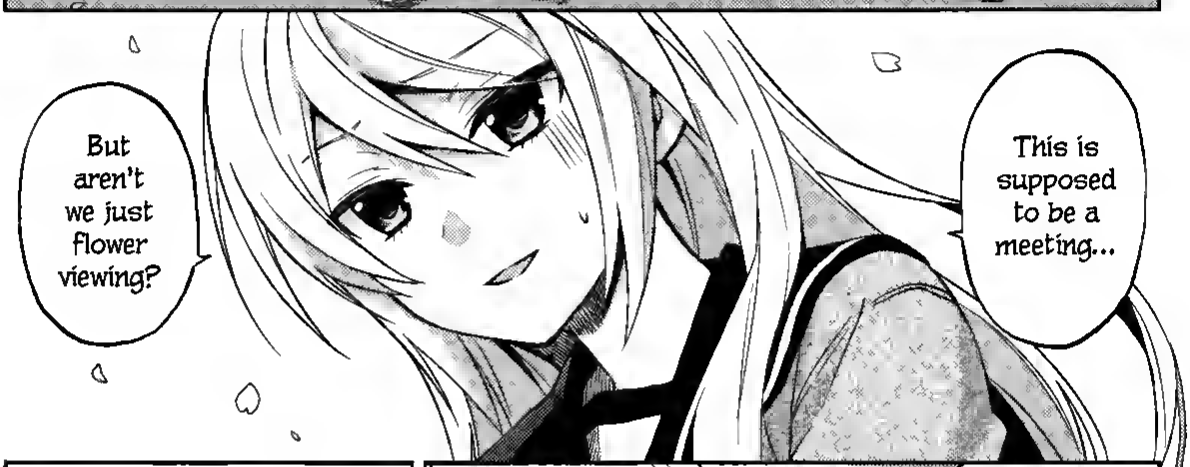
GRAB
ayu
Aren't those ...
Ah... Uwa...!
DASH
HIG YAAA AAA!
ドンッ
thud
GYA?!

RUMBLE
Watch where you're going.
Ow, ow...
Oi.
inhale
Hold it right there.
GRAB
RUMBLE
Hoshino Akane.
Hiee!!
A MESSAGE TO ALL IRUKA CLUB MEMBERS!
waan!
flap
flap

WE'RE HAVING A MEETING TODAY!
AFTER SCHOOL, YOU'D ALL BETTER GATHER UNDER THE THREE SAKURA TREES!
YOU GOT THAT?!
point
twirl
toss
ding
dong
What just happened?
Y... Yes, Ma'am...

The refreshing outdoor air...
flutter
The sakura fluttering around...
A meeting in the middle of spring...
Getting to know more about Irukawa...
It's very much like the Iruka club, don't you think?
Yup!
Fight! Oou!
Fight! Oou!

sip...
kya!
kya!
kya!
kya!
...


But aren't we just flower viewing?
This is supposed to be a meeting...

sigh
Don't worry about the small details, Kurosaki.

Is this club okay with such an advisor?
sip...

Just enjoy the sakura trees for the moment.

That's her, from the rumors!
She's really as pretty as they say!
I wanna see her up close!
Kya~♥
CHATTER
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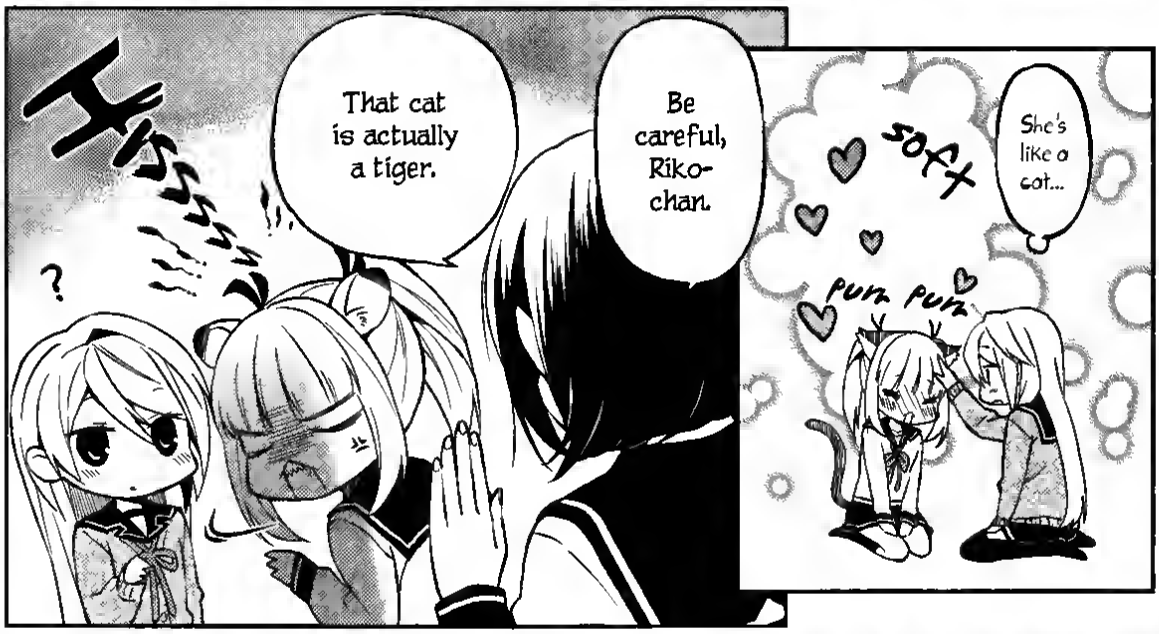
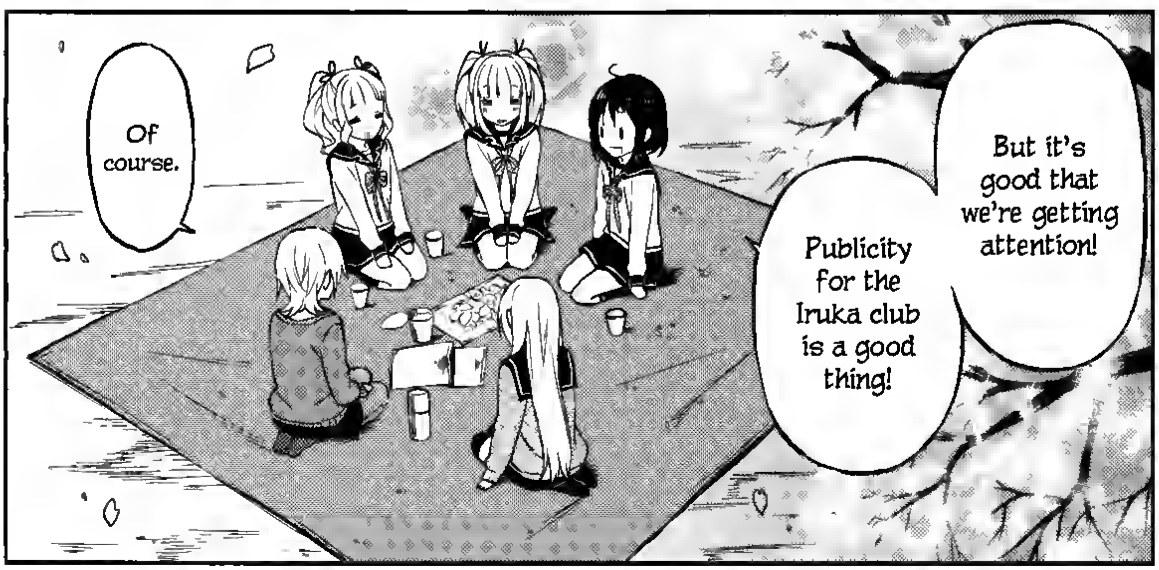
I think we're always gathering people's attention, but...
Why are we at the center of attention?
gobble gobble
Today's a bit special.
It's because Riko-chan's here!
Huuh?

What Akane-chan said during lunch break...
About Riko-chan being a model
...became a rumor that quickly spread like a wildfire...
Ah...
Th... This is a bit troubling...
I'm so sorry...
I'm...
causing so much trouble for Riko-chan...
SNIFF...
So don't cry,
okay?
FLUFF
!
EH?!
I didn't say anything like that!
It's not like that was something I was hiding.
Uu...!

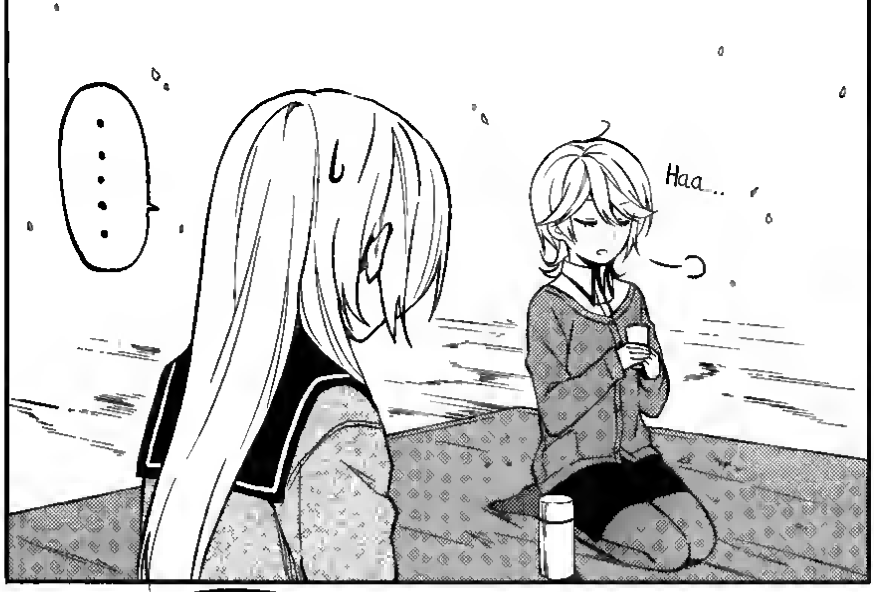
Uwaha
pat
pat


Be careful, Riko-chan.
That cat is actually a tiger.
Hisssss
?
She's like a cat...
soft
pun pun


Of course.
But it's good that we're getting attention!
Publicity for the Iruka club is a good thing!

The recently-joined
Kurosaki would make a nice spokes-person...
Or maybe a sightseeing ambassador?
AN AMBAS-SADOR?!
Maybe she could even wear a sash on her shoulder.
like this
THAT'S AN AWESOME IDEA!
It has a nice ring to it!
HOLD IT! DON'T JUST DECIDE THESE THINGS BY—
I'LL GO FIND A SASH!!
EEH?!
dash
STOP RIGHT THERE!
wa~i

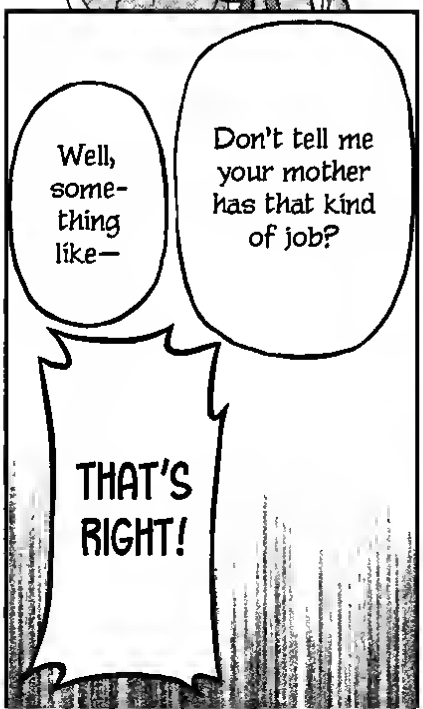
When Haru-chan and Kuramoto-sensei are together, they'll go nonstop...
Yeah.
Is she amplifying Haru's power?
Just what is Kuramoto-sensei?
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
WHISPER
.....
We're very sorry.
Hahaha, just what are you two talking about?
RUMBLE
DRIP...
FLUTTER

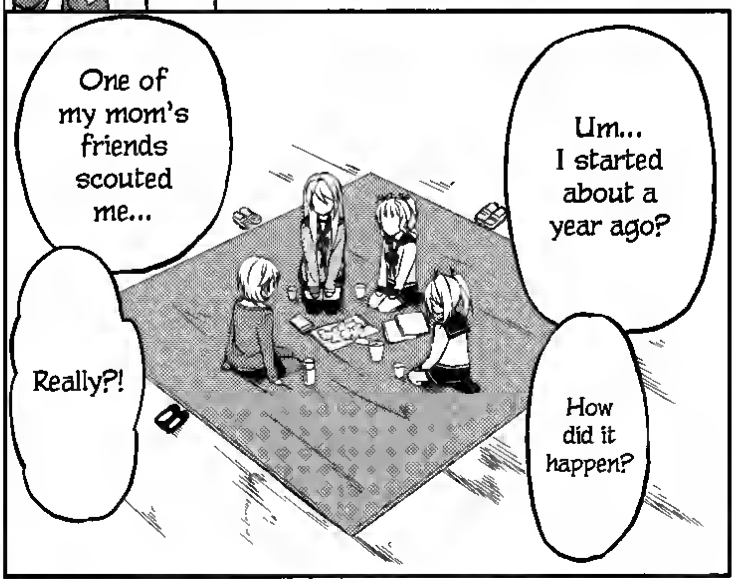

Haa...

Sip...

When did you become a model, Riko-chan?
Hm?
Hey, hey.

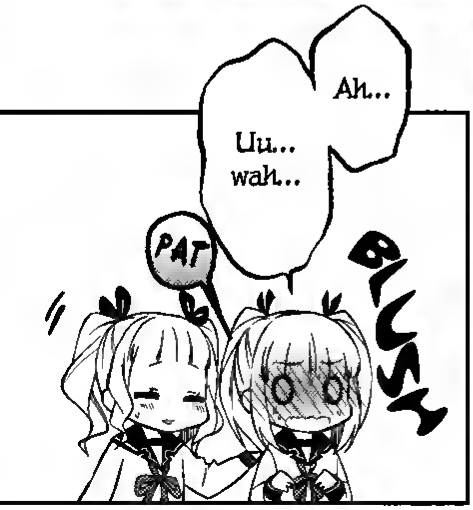
To think even the odvisor's like this...
Crunch


Well, something like—
Don't tell me your mother has that kind of job?
THAT'S RIGHT!


One of my mom's friends scouted me...
Really?!
Um... I started about a year ago?
How did it happen?

IS THE FAMOUS KUROSAKI MINA!!
hmph!
AFTER ALL, RIKO-CHAN'S MOTHER

RIKO-CHAN DEBUTED WEARING CLOTHES DESIGNED BY MINA, AND...!
SHE EVEN STARTED HER OWN BRAND, "MINA CHROME"!
YOU'VE AT LEAST HEARD OF HER, RIGHT?! IN FACT, I'M ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT HER!
ramble


Ah...
Uu... wah...
PAT
BLUSH

Um...
You sure know a lot about this...?

Ha?!

...I-
?
I-I'm...!
I'm actually
A HUGE FAN OF YOURS, RIKO-CHAN!!!
Th...
Thanks...
PUFF

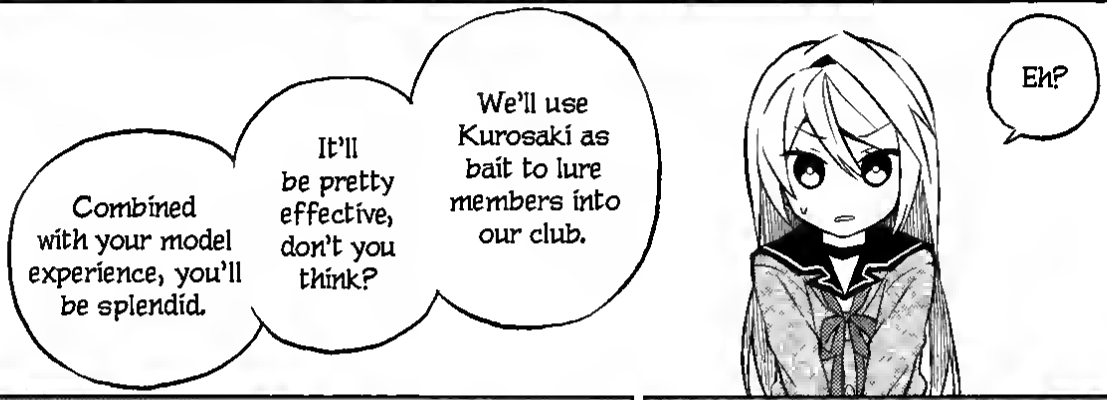
HIU!
There~
slip
hee hee
HARU-CHAN?!
AHAHAHA! RIKO-CHAN'S SURPRISED FACE!
What is this...
slide

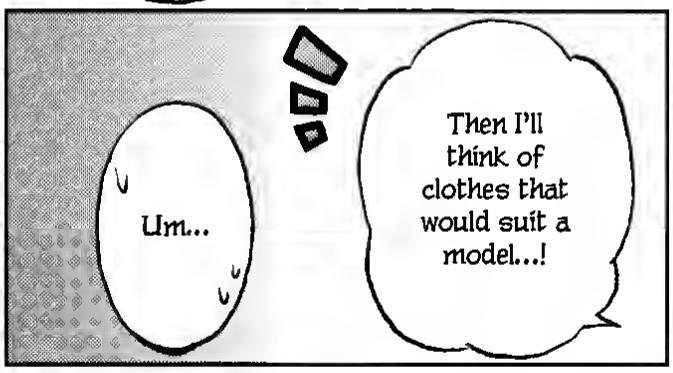
silence
BANQUET PRESIDENT
YOU JUST WANT TO GO FLOWER VIEWING, DON'T YOU!!
WHOA! RIKO-CHAN'S TSUKKOMI LEVEL IS INCREASING!

Aah~ It wasn't there, of course.
Tehe♥
did you find what you were looking for?
Saku-rada,
AS IF I CARE!!
snap
By the way, the vice principal gave me that sash.
Oh, what is it?
ANYWAY, I REMEMBERED SOMETHING IMPORTANT!

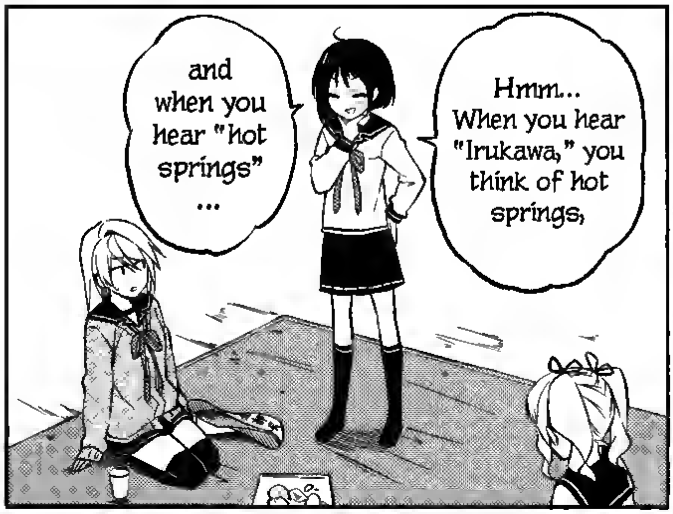
The freshmen are going to start checking out the clubs...!
Tomorrow...
Yeah... We can't really do a flashy performance, can we?
ISN'T THERE ANYTHING INTEREST-ING WE CAN DO?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO?!
Hold it, don't tell me you forgot.
All the other clubs were preparing for it...
fu hee hee
All right, first, we'll have you remove your panties!
WHAT KIND OF DRUNK OLD MAN ARE YOU?!
gross!
Looks like there's no choice... We'll have to request some talent from our banquet president...
Wasn't I supposed to be the am-bassador?
CLENCH

Fumu
SWAP
It's fine, isn't it?


Eh?
We'll use Kurosaki as bait to lure members into our club.
It'll be pretty effective, don't you think?
Combined with your model experience, you'll be splendid.


Then I'll think of clothes that would suit a model...!
Um...

OH, I SEE!
MM


Hmm... When you hear "Irukawa," you think of hot springs,
and when you hear "hot springs" ...

"TAKE THIS OFF," "PUT THAT ON," WHAT'S WITH YOU?!
YOU'LL WEAR A YUKATA, RIKO-CHAN!
Aha!
YUKATA?!
Joi+

I'm looking forward to it~
I'd better get my camera!
Riko-chan in a yukata...
Our yukata are meant for our customers, but we have plenty of cute ones!
EEH?! ×3
but I don't really like to stand out...
W-wait!
I'm sorry,

Uu...
It'll be okay! You just have to wear a yukata and pose as a model!
And I have a good idea.
fu fu fu...
...
Why can't I shake away this bad feeling...
MUTTER
ALL RIGHT, THEN!
ぱっ
jump

THE PLAN TO FISH FOR NEW MEMBERS USING RIKO-CHAN AS BAIT
STARTS NOW!!
Ehh...?
Yeah!
waa~

Ah, by the way, you won't be wearing panties under the yukata—
CHOKE

I have a copy of this in my student notebook!
Had this one enlarged to AO. It's over my bed now!
And did you know you can get custom-made body pillows?
A-AKANE-CHAN!

Riko & Haru & Irukawa Hot Springs

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